

STATE OF MONTANA
FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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FUR ANIMAL SEASONS FOR 1972-73

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Montana Fish and Game Commission
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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

TAKING OF FUR ANIMALS DURING THE OPEN SEASON BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN TRAPPING IS PROHIBITED.

Trapping Licenses: May be obtained through application to the following district offices of the Fish and Game Department by sending in your name, address, Conservation License number, and \$10.00 fee.

District 1 - Route 3, Kalispell 59901
District 2 - 3309 Highway 93 South, Missoula 59801
District 3 - Route 3, Box 213, Bozeman 59715
District 4 - Route 1 Southwest, Great Falls 59401
District 5 - 1125 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings 59101
District 6 - Route 1 - 129, Glasgow 59230
District 7 - Box 430, Miles City 59301

General Trapper's License: Available to residents only, \$10.00 fee.

Landowner's Trapping License: Applicants must give legal description of land, owned or leased, \$1.00 fee.

TRAPPERS MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION OF LANDOWNER BEFORE TRAPPING ON PRIVATELY-OWNED LAND.

TAGGING TRAPS: Any person trapping fur-bearing animals or predatory animals for their pelts shall fasten a metal tag to all such traps bearing in legible English, the name and address of the trapper, except that no tag shall be required on traps used by landowners trapping with permit on their own lands and irrigation ditch right-of-way contiguous to the land.

MARTEN SHIPPING PERMIT: Any person who desires to ship, take or transport marten out-of-state in any manner, may obtain a free marten shipping permit from any district office or State Game Warden.

POSSESSION OF LIVE FUR-BEARING ANIMALS: Live fur-bearing animals may not be possessed except under the provisions of fur farm or roadside zoo permits.

FUR DEALER'S LICENSE: Resident Fur Dealer - \$10.00
Fur Dealer Agent - \$10.00
Nonresident Fur Dealer - \$50.00

FUR DEALER DEFINED: Any person or persons, firm, company or corporation engaging in carrying on, or conducting wholly or in part the business of buying or selling, trading, or dealing, within the State of Montana, in the skins or pelts of any animal or animals, designated by the laws of Montana as fur-bearing or predatory animals, shall be deemed a fur dealer within the meaning of the Act. If such fur dealer resides in or if his or its principal place of business is within the State of Montana, he or it shall be deemed a resident fur dealer. All other fur dealers shall be deemed nonresident fur dealers.

DESTROYING BEAVER AND MUSKRAT HOUSES: It is unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy a house of muskrat or beaver, except that this shall not prohibit trapping in the house of muskrats when authorized by the Commission.

CLOSED TO TRAPPING: Those portions of Missoula and Powell Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Routes 200 and 209 (Seeley Lake Road), thence north on State Route 209 to the Tote Road, thence east on said road through Woodworth to the Cottonwood Creek Road, thence south on said road to State Route 200, thence west on said route to its junction with State Route 209, the point of beginning. Portions of Little Willow, Big Willow and Ford Creeks in Lewis and Clark County closed as posted. Also all National Parks, all National Wildlife Refuges and all Indian allotted or tribal lands except as otherwise specified. Permits to trap on National Wildlife Refuges may be issued by the Refuge Manager. For trapping privileges on other than Blackfeet, Cheyenne and Flathead Indian Reservations, see local agency in question.

ALL STATE GAME PRESERVES ARE OPEN TO TRAPPING

PLEASE NOTE: A number of fur-bearing animals have been ear tagged for scientific study. If one of these animals is captured, please notify the nearest Game Warden or district office of the tag number or numbers and the locality of the capture.

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FUR ANIMAL SEASONS

MINK: Open Season: November 10, 1972, through December 31, 1972, inclusive.

MUSKRAT: Open Season: November 10, 1972, through April 30, 1973, inclusive.
Traps may be set in muskrat houses provided the part removed is replaced after insertion of the trap, this also to be done after removal of the trap. It is unlawful for any person at any time to willfully destroy, leave open, or partially destroy any muskrat house.

MARTEN: Open Season: November 10, 1972, through February 28, 1973, inclusive.
Marten pelts must be tagged by the Game Warden residing in the district where pelts were taken no later than twenty (20) days after closing of the open season.

OTTER: Open Season: November 10, 1972, through March 31, 1973, inclusive.
Limit: Trappers may take and possess only one (1) otter each per season.

CLOSED TO OTTER TRAPPING: The Yellowstone River from the Yellowstone Park boundary to the North Dakota state line.

CANADA LYNX: Open Season: September 1, 1972, through August 31, 1973, inclusive.
No license required to take lynx.

FISHER: Closed.

BLACK-FOOTED FERRET: Closed.

GENERAL BEAVER SEASON REGULATIONS: Owners and lessees of real estate being damaged by beaver may apply for a permit to trap beaver under other provisions of the law. Please see your local Game Warden for further information.

Open Season: November 10, 1972, through March 31, 1973, inclusive.

Permits: Only persons in possession of 1972-73 General Trapper's License may participate in a General Beaver Season.

Limit: West of Continental Divide, 15 beaver per trapper. Trappers applying for the beaver area west of the Continental Divide must have their trapper's license validated at one of the district headquarters. East of Continental Divide, unlimited.

Closed to Beaver Trapping:

Jefferson County: Those portions of Lump Gulch, Little Boulder River, Galena Gulch, and Crow Creek on public land.

Broadwater County: Those portions of Dry Creek, Confederate Gulch, White Gulch, Avalanche Creek, and Crow Creek on public land.

Lincoln County: Lake Creek and all tributary streams from outlet at Bull Lake downstream to Highway 2 bridge west of Troy.

Gallatin County: That portion of Gallatin County within the following described boundary: Beginning where the west boundary of Yellowstone National Park intercepts the Montana-Idaho State Line, thence in a northerly direction along the National Park Boundary to its intersection with the Madison-Gallatin Divide, thence in a westerly direction along said divide to the Madison-Gallatin County Line, thence south along said county line to its intersection with the Montana-Idaho Line, thence in a southeasterly direction along said State line to its intersection with the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, the point of beginning.

Mineral County: Entire Fish Creek Drainage, and entire St. Regis River drainage.

Phillips County: Those portions of Lodgepole, Beaver, and Camp Creeks on public land within the Little Rocky Mountains.

STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

BY: DON L. BROWN, SECRETARY
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